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Press Release

City of Hialeah

NOAA Weather Radio Based out of Hialeah Transmits Spanish in South Florida

New transmitter based in Hialeah to serve Miami-Dade and Broward County



Hialeah, Florida – Mayor Carlos Hernandez, the esteemed City Council, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) invite our friends from the media to join us for the launch of the **new NOAA Weather Spanish Radio Transmitter based in Hialeah**.

An estimated two million Spanish-speaking South Florida residents can now stay on top of storm activity by tuning into a new NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards Spanish language broadcast. As of June 7, 2012 a new 300-watt transmitter based in Hialeah will broadcast weather forecasts and warnings in Spanish that originate from the National Weather Service forecast office in Miami and will cover all of Miami-Dade and portions of Broward County. The Hialeah transmitter will be the third Spanish language weather radio transmitter in the nation.

Seventy percent of South Floridians speak Spanish as their primary language, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. **“South Florida residents are well served with coverage from a number of weather radio transmitters, but the new FPL-Hialeah site will be the first in the state completely dedicated to Spanish language broadcasts,”** said Bill Proenza, regional director, National Weather Service southern region. **“The new transmitter will greatly enhance our ability to communicate life-saving information to Spanish-speaking Floridians.”**

Subsidized in part with a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the new Hialeah transmitter is the result of cooperative efforts by the National Weather Service, the City of Hialeah, Miami-Dade County and the Florida Power and Light Company. The Spanish broadcasts can be accessed on the new Hialeah NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards station (WZ2531) at a frequency of 162.500 MHz. **“The City of Hialeah, through the office of Emergency Management, has been working on this for a long time. We are proud of our collaboration with such organizations that have allowed us to bring this much needed service to South Florida,”** explains Mayor Hernandez.

Date & Time: Thursday, June 7 at 1:00 pm

Location: National Hurricane Center, 11691 SW 17 Street Miami FL 33165

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